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# ITS FORCE IN GALICIA

German Official Press Bureau Intimates That Austrians Will Have to Make New Disposition

#### IN POLAND PROGRESS OF BATTLE IS NOT DEFINED

In Belgium Both French and Germans Claim to Have Gained Ground Near Nieuport and at Other Points Along the Battle Line-The Loss of the French Submarine Curie is Confirmed-Belief Prevails in Berlin That Prince Henry is to be Given Supreme Command of the German Battleship Fleet-United States Invites South and Central American Governments to a Conference on Financial and Commercial Problems Arising Out of European War.

nental effect on the world's commerce

In any case, they say, Great Britain was not responsible for the war,

FORCES OPPOSING AUSTRIANS.

to Present an Encircling

Their Flank in Galicia.

for publication today by the German official press bureau were the follow-

The Russians have strengthened their forces opposing the Austrians in Galicia and the latter, it is understood, will be compelled to make new dispositions which will require some

time. Local military experts are mak

ing attempte to picture Russia's oc-cupation of the line of Krosno-Jasio as being no real gain for the Russians,

tingent-No Motive Known. London, Dec. 29, 9.17 p. m.-A verdict

of suicide was handed down this even-

ng by a perener's jury which held an

aggest on the body of a man said to be Ralph K. Danforth, a medical prac-

ilwaukee, who was a member of the

According to the testimony, the man was found dead in his room in a hotel

with a wound in his threat which evi-dently had been self-inflicted. Several empty bottles on a table indicated that

No evidence was adduced to show

BELGIAN RELIEF COMMISSION

Says Supplies are Reaching the

London, Dec. 23. 9:30 p. m.—The American consul-general at Brussels, Ethelbert Watts, who has arrived here on his way to the United States, said,

with reference to work of the commis-sion for the relief of Belgium, that a

is not likely to be any change in the

MANUFACTURERS CO-OPERATE

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San Francisco,

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AMERICAN-BRITISH RUBBER

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MILWAUKEE PHYSICIAN

RUSSIANS STRENGTHEN

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Progress in Poland.

In Poland, the progress of the battle has not been defined. The German of-ficial press bureau intimates that the ficial press bureau intimates that the Austrians in Galicia will have to make new dispositions, owing to the strengthening of the Russian forces there. The bureau admits that the extreme left wing of the Russians is required their superior to the components. proving itself superior to its oppo-nents. It announces that the French have assembled strong forces in the

Loss of French Submarine Confirmed. The loss of the French submarine Curie is confirmed. The Curie was engaged in an attempt against the warships at the Austrian naval base of Poland and ventured there alone. Emperor William in Conference.

Emperor William has been in con Emperor William has been in conference at his hoadquarters with Grand Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia and Admiral Poince Henry of Prussia and Admiral Von Tirpitz, minister of marine, on the subject of the British raid on Cuxhaven. Prince Henry journey-of from Kiel to headquarters for the conference. The belief is said to prevail in Berlin that Prince Henry will be given supreme command of the Comman battleship feet. he given supreme com: German battleship fleet.

Report from Cruiser North Carolina. The commander of the United States craiser North Carolina, now at Beirut, has notified the navy department Washington that it was the Russian cruiser Askold and not an American its gons at Tripoli, Syria. The North

The United States has invited the South and Central American governments to send representatives to Washington to confer with the treasury department officials and American financiers on financial and problems arising from th problems arising from the European war and with the idea of bringing the two continents into close commer-

AMERICAN NOTE OF PROTEST GREAT SURPRISE TO BRITISH Even War News Was Dwarfed in Newspaper Reports.

American note of protest against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting upon an early provement, came as a complete surprise to the British public, as there had been virtually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments.

The placards posted by the evening

papers were given over exclusively to the American note and the papers gave any news during the past month. Con sequently, the British people regard this as one of the most important oc-currences of the whole war. Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan margare. n message has produced such

The first impression of the public is that the note may create friction and perhaps some unfriendly feeling, although the newspapers point out that it specifically states that the rep-resentations were made in a friendly resentations were made in a triently spirit. The situation is comparable to that which arose at the time of the South African war, when neutral shippers became to send cargoes intended for the Transvaal republic to the neutral port of Deisgon bay.

The Washington note had not reached the forester office this affector, but

ed the foreign office this afternoon, but it could not have been dealt with had it arrived as Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, who has been away for the Christmas holidays, is not returning until tomorrow.

Even the war news was allotted a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers.

LONDON NEWSPAPERS

ON AMERICAN PROTEST Say British Government Should Receive it in Same Friendly Spirit

London, Dec. 25, 1.30 a. m.-All the morning newspapers comment at length on the American government's note to Great Britain concerning the treatment that is being accorded American commerce by the British fleet and agree that the American pro-test should be met by the British government in the same spirit of friend-ly good will as is shown by the note. Generally, however, the newspapers are inclined to await the actual text of the note before indulated.

are inclined to await the actual text of the note before indulging in defailed criticism of it.

In the meantime they point out, how, inevitably, serious differences arise whenever questions of neutrality are involved. Moreover, they are involved. Moreover, they are interested in the post here today. All on board were asso,

The liner Sierra, which left here yesterday for Sdyney, speke the Irmgard and sent back by wireless news its location of the world's trade, ar-

Cabled Paragraphs Tablet to Forty Paris A'

8. 6:45 tablet d is a scribed the asys practicing in ave fallen in battle. Paris, Dec. 29. 6:45 as been placed in 6 peals, on whi names of fr this court w MEETING OF WOMAN'S

SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION Dr. Anna Howard Shaw Says Men Fail to Consider Women as Human Be

Atlantic, N. J., Dec. 29,—"Men fail to consider us as human beings or units of the commonwealth; we are simly relations. They are logical enough when they discuss problems where men are concerned, but senti-ment throws them off their base, when the subject of woman is chroached" de clared Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, presi-dent of the National American Woman's Suffrage association, in an address before the annual convention of the New Jersey State Teachers' association here today.

Dr. Shaw said that states rights are

adjustable and predicted that the same southern vote that defeated the Hobson bill in congress last week, beause it interfered with states rights will forget that such a thing existed when the matter of granting franchise to women comes before them."

ANOTHER WARNING

ABOUT TRAVEL ABROAD. Numerous Complaints About Entering Foreign Countries Without Passports

Washington, Dec. 29. — Another warning was given by the state department today to Americans contemplating travel abroad, that they must provide themselves with proper passports. Germany, the department said, had given notice that after next Friday, January 1, no persons would be allowed to enter that country without passports bearing their photographs and vised by German diplomatic or consular officials.

Numerous complaints were said to have come from England, France and Italy as a result of Americans at

Italy as a result of Americans at-tempting to enter those countries with-

out passports.
The department's statement The department's statement says that "Passports are now absolutely necessary for entrance into most Eu-Berlin, Dec. 29, via Wireless to Say-rille, L. L.—Among the items given out ropean countries and should be carried by all persons who go abroad."

ALIMONY NOT SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX.

Howard Gould's Application to Vacate Judgment Denied.

New York, Dec. 29 .- Alimony is not income in the sense of the federal in-come tax law, according to a decision handed down today by Supreme Court but on the contrarry as weakening Justice Hendick, denying the applica-their position. This view, however is considered too optimistic and the fact the judgment obtained against him

considered too optimistic and the fact the judgment obtained against him must be faced that the extreme left wing of the Russians is proving it the interest of the Russians in strengthening their forces there is due to their realization of what an encircling of their fank in Galicia would signify.

MILWAUKEE PHYSICIAN legally separated and that the per-son who receives it is not subject to the income tax. SUICIDES IN LONDON.

BOSTON & MAIN TRAIN

be might also have taken poison. A photograph of a woman was in the dead man's lap. In his pockets were

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF THE IMPERIAL BANK OF GERMANY.

American Consul General at Brussels Securities, Chiefly Treasury Bills, Decreased 259,232,000 Marks.

Barito, Dec. 29, vie London, 8:45 p.

m-The following changes are shown in the weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany: Metal stock, treasury and loan bank certificates and notes of other banks increased 148,289,000 marks. Of this 10'2) gold alone increased 23,482,000 Loggs decreased 17,462,000 marks.

personal investigation had satisfied him that the supplies were being wide-ly distributed and were reaching the Discounts and loan bank bills in-creased 584,713,000 marks. "The commission got to work only just in time," added Consul Watts. "If the food had been delayed a few days more the end might have been tragic. You cannot preserve law and order among stawing seconds. Securities, chiefly treasury bill de-reased 259,232,000 marks. Note circulation increased 156,263,-000 marks. order among starving people. Brus-sels is now calm and orderly and there

FIRST WOMAN TO TAKE

STITCH ON SEWING MACHINE, Miss Elizabeth M, Kilbourn of Winsted Dead at 86.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 29 .- Miss Ellisabeth M. Kilbourn, said to be the first woman to make a stitch on the sew-ing machine in this country, died here tonight, aged 86. In the early part of her life, while a school teacher in Hartford, she met Elias Howe, the in-New York, Dec. 29.—Rubber manufacturers of the United States are to co-operate wit hithe Rubber Federation association of London in its efforts to have the British government remove the embargo on crude rubber from the Federated Maiay States and Ceylon, it was announced here today. By the "rms of this embargo, which was declared on Nov. 13, crude rubber may not be shipped to this country. Bertram G. Work, president of a large rubber manufacturing concern of Akron, O., will sail for London tomorrow as special representative of the ventor of the sewing machine. Mr. Howe induced her to make stitches on his mode; and later, as the machine was perfected, he often told her of the unique distinction. Miss Kilbourn was proud of the fact. She is survived by a nephew. ed by a nephew,

Perograd Prohibits Sale of Beer. London, Dec. 29. 6:55 p. m.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that an order has been issued there prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic drinks in the city, including beer. This order applies even to the clubs and high grade restaurants.

Early in the war an imperial decree was issued prohibiting the sale of vod-ka and other spirituous liquers throughout Russin. Traffic in lighter alcoholic drinks, such as beer and light wines, however, has been permitted hitherto.

Danbury Woman Tries Suicide.

## Mayor Hurley of Salem Recalled

BY VOTERS IN A SPECIAL ELEC-TION YESTERDAY.

FIRST IN NEW ENGLAND SINCE EUROPEAN WAR

Opposition Charged That He Had Not Rates on Cotton from New York to Enforced the Liquor Laws-Vote Was 3,465 to 2,629.

Salem, Mass Dec. 29 -- Mayor John

O'Keefe, leather manufacturer and cannotate of the Eetter Government association, defeating him by a vote of 3.465 to 2.629. It was the first recall election in New England.

In the campaign the opposition charged that Mayor Hurley had not enforced the liquor laws. He had been the executive head of the city five times and is widely known as the "Silk Hat Mayor," having gained his tille from the high head covering which he invariably wears, tilted at an angle, on all occasions. The hat distinguished the mayor in his activities during the big fire which partly wrecked the city last summer and in the reed the city last summer and in the re lief work which followed. He had served as mayor four one-year terms and two years of a fifth term of three

BERLIN PHYSICIAN HELD

Charged With Having Caused the Death of Miss Julia Shanahan of Naugatuck.

New Britain, Conn., Dec. 29.—Dr. Gerard Mangini, who appeared in the town court of Berlin today, charged with having caused the death of Miss Julia Shanahan of Naugatuck on Dec. 6 by an illegal operation was bound over under \$7,500 bonds for the March term of the superior court. An as-sistant of the local undertakers, Medical Examiner T. G. Wright, Prosecut-ing Attorney W. K. Gibney of Berlin and Mr. and Mrs. Angeline Renaldo at whose home Miss Shanahan's death occurred were among the witnesses called before probable cause was called

found.

Dr. Wright introduced a statement from Dr. Mangini which stated that the accused had refused to perform the required operation upon her and had accepted the case for treatment after the operation had been performed by persons not mentioned. The document also stated that he (Dr. Mangini) had attended Miss Shanahan after a similar case in Watschurz example case. similar case in Waterbury several years

OF STOCK EXCHANGE

Subject of Spirited Discussion at Session of American Economic Associa-

Princeton, N. ., Dec. 29.-A spirited Untermeyer and William C. Van Antwerp STRIKES AUTOMOBILE. of New York, on government control of the stock exchange, featured to-day's session of the American Economic association, which is meeting on nomic association, which is meeting on the application of the stock exchange. Worcester, Mass. Dec. 29.—Charles
F. Reuther, superintendent of Bowter Brothers' Brewery, was killed instantly tonight and James Wilson, an
aged Oakdale resident, received inthrough government supervision."

We Wan Antwern who is a member.

aged Oakdale resident, received injuries which may prove fatal when
an automobile in which they were
riding was struck by a fast Boston &
Maine passenger train at Earber's
Crossing.

The gates which usually guard the
crossing were not working and it is
claimed Beuther did not see or disregarded the warning lantern of the
crossing tender.

Through government supervision."

Mr. Van Antwerp who is a member
for the board of governors of the New
York stock exchange, opposed Mr. Unternyer's suggestions and was supported by a number of educators, including Professor Henry C. Emery of
Yale.

"If the function of speculation is
to help direct the course of investment" said Professor Emery. "it does

ment" said Professor Emery, "it does not follow that it is the function of the government to direct the public by advice or reports."

VICTORY FOR FOLLOWERS

OF GENERAL CARRANZA In the State of Puebls-Eight Thousand Men in Engagement.

Vera Cruz. Dec. 29. Four thousand Vera Cruz, Dec. 28.—Four thousand followers of General Carranza today, according to official reports received here, defeated 4,000 men under General Ufemio Zapata, brother of Emiliano Zapata and Andrew Almaron. The fighting took place at Tepeaca, northwest of Tehuacan, in the state of Puebla and lacted four hours.

Zapata's forces are said to have lost

Zapata's forces are said to have lost 100 men killed, 30 prisoners, a quantity of arms and an automobile. Among

the dead were two colonels.

Fighting also is said to have begun at Amozoc, in the state of Pueble, a short distance northwest of Tepeaca.

Announcement also was made at Carranza headquarters here that Chilpancingo, capital of the state of Guer-rero, had been captured by Carranza's

General Carranza today was the recipient filicitations on the occasion of his saint's day.

OBITUARY.

Rev. Powell B. Redynolds, D. D. Morgantown W. Va., Dec. 28.—Rev. Powell B. Redynolds D. D. aged 74, president of the West Virginia university from 1898 to 1895 and a professor in that institution for 28 years, died here late today. He was a graduate of Richmond college and served as president of Shelton college, St. Al-bans, W. Va., and of Buckner college, Arkansas.

Mrs. Mary E. Bowles. Boston, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary E. Bowles, widow of Benjamin F. Bowles, owless manager of Howles widow of Benjamin F. Bowles, for many years business manager of the Springfield Republican, died late last night at the home of her son, Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, in this city. Her daughter was the wife of Captain Otto Cursch of the German army who was killed in action on November 25 last.

Mrs. Bowles' husband died in Paris in 1876.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Joseph Legour, 25 years old, despendent, it is said, over family troubles, attempted suicide by drinking mean and she is now in a local hospital in a serious condition. The police say that her husband made an unsuccess-that her hus

### Ocean Freight Rates Exorbitant

EVIDENCE OF INADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

Berlin Have Jumped from 20 Cents Shi Kai. a Hundred in July to \$3 in December

Washington, Dec. 29,-Evidence F. Hurley was recalled by the voters in a special election today, Matthias J. tles and "unreasonable and exorbitant" increases in rates since the European

information furnished by cabinet of-ficials. The committee will seek to impress upon the senate the need of enlarged shipping facilities for ade-quately taking care of American com-merce abroad and will urge that the \$40,000,000 government investment contemplated in the ship purchase measure would very soon be compen-IN \$7,500 BONDS. sated for by economics in ocean transortation rates that could be effected

Curtailment of Ships Available. The report of the cabinet officers discloses a shipping cendition mini-mum as to available vessels and maximum to a speculative decree on freight charges, which have been inreasing constantly since last August Only fifty per cent, of ordinarily available ship tonnage for ocean transportation is now in use for mercantile urposes, the report discloses and the ecretaries assert that the only remedy for the present condition is "to increase the available tounage, in order that the increasing demand for cargo space can be satisfied. Increase in Rates.

ollowing:

Rates on cotton from New York to Liverpool jumped from 20 cents a hundred pounds in July to 40 cents in September and 75 cents in December. Rates on cotton to Bremen went from Rates on cotton to Bremen went from 20 cents a hundred in July to \$3 in December. Grain rates rose from 4 and 5 cents a bushel to 18 and 17 cents; on provisions to European ports the increases were from \$4.87 to \$7.30 a ton; flour from 12 and 18 cents a hundred to 28 and 35 cents; cotton seed oil from 97 cents to \$1.95, a barrel and on other commodities correspondingly.

Champions of the ship measure maintain that an American write a corporation, under direction of the government as contemplated in the pending bill, could be of forceful efministration leaders are confident it

will be passed. HARVESTING OF NEW

ENGLAND ICE CROP Will Provide Employment for Thousands During Next Two Months.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The harvesting of the New England fee crop, which has begun in several sections, will provide the next two months. The steady cold of the past month has made it possible to start operations earlier than usual, and since the weather bureau predicts a cold wave in the immediate wake of today's light rain in Southern New England, no serious interruption is anticipated. The ice ranges in thickness from eight inches in southern Rhode Island to more than in point of service. Hampshire. Operations in the northern section will be somewhat delayed by the necessity of clearing off from to two feet of snow which covers at his home in Belmont. He was a the ponds.

the ponds.

In some districts the crop may be curtailed by the low water in the pends, resulting from the drouth in the fall. The possibility that the quality of the ice may be affected by the same cause is being investigated by local boards of health.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT ed in Makes Suggestions for Betterment of Wage Workers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—American wo-men should help to provide steady em-ployment for theusands of workers by being less caprictous in demanding ever-changing styles. Employers should be made respon-sible for their employes, both in slack and husy seasons, by legislation com-pelling them to pay a living ware

and husy seasons, by legislation com-pelling them to pay a living wage throughout the year.

The labor market should be organ-ized and directed by a national em-ployment bureau with branches in every important city and labor unions should discontinue the practice of drawing sharp lines between the trades. These were some of the suggestions

offered to insure steady employment to willing workers, by speakers at today's sessions of the National Conference of Movements of Steamships.

Lizard, Dec. 29.—Passed, steamer Potsdam, New York for Rotterdam. Naples, Dec. 22.—Arrived, steamers Naples, Dec. 22.—Arrived, steamers Ancona, New York: Regina D'Italia, New York via Boston.
Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Arrived, steamer Transylvanie, New York.
Patras, Dec. 19.—Sailed, steamer Athinal, New York, Dec. 29.—Arrived, steamer Pannonia, Glasgow, Sailed, steamer Ryndam, Rotterdam.

#### **Condensed Telegrams**

Admiral George Dewey celebrated his 77th birthday.

The United Fruit steamer Limon collided with the schooner Dorothy Palmer off Cape Cod, Mass.

The Duquoin Bank, of Duquoin, Ill., with deposits estimated at between \$350,000 and \$400,000 was closed.

A "Christmas rush" of recruits is reported to the British War Office by many recruiting stations in England.

Many arrests have been made at Pekin, China, in connection with the alleged plot to depose President Yuan

Enver Pasha, Turkey's former war minister, arrived at Armenia to take command of Turkish troops in the

Mrs. James Clancy, wife of the former warden of Sing Sing prison has received a legacy of \$60,000 cash from

The Germans have imposed a war tax of one day's pay monthly on all workmen in Germany whether German Five thousand horses have been

purchased in Argentine for the British army by Cunningham Graham, a Government agent. The cruiser Tennessee is transport-ing about 500 refugees of different na-tionalities from Jaffa, Asia Minor, to

Alexandria, Egypt. Orders for 65,000 tens of highly car-bonized steel for shrappel shells have been placed in the Pitsburgh district for France and Russia.

Forty-four horses perished in a fire that destroyed the garage and stable of William McCullough, of New Jer-sey, at a loss of \$40,000.

The list of fatalities resulting from the fire at the Cambridge City Home Sunday night was increased to five by the death of Mrs. Mary Brown. Albert Post, a coal wagon driver, ras killed when buried under tons of oal in the coal yards of T. M.

Brewster, at Hackensack, N. J. Agitators of the I. W. W. in New York are planning a raid on the Mu-nicipal Lodging House there on the occasion of the first heavy snowstorm.

Increase in Rates.

Investigation of price conditions, the electrolytic process by which aluminum we reduced in cost from \$25 to 18 cents per pound died at Daytona, Fig.

The three children of King Albert of Belgium, who are exiles in England, have learned to write English and write a letter to their father daily in

The will of Miss Caroline P. Whithearse in her funeral procession, play-

Frederick Hoyt, arrested in New York for the theft of \$4,000, confess-ed to stealing it, saying he used the money to "grubstake" the needy and

33rd degree Mason. Samuel Blenner of New Haven, fur

Eight transcontinental trains with bout 1,000 passengers from New York

and other eastern points were marcon-ed in southern Arizona by washouts resulting from heavy rains. Major Horace G. Kemp, of Boston, former State Senator and Massachusetts militia officer, was killed by the fumes of his automobile while he was

endeavoring to get it into shape. A Parisian weekly has offered its readers \$2,000 for the best forecast of the postbellum frontiers of the Eu-ropean countries, the award to be

made after the treaty of peace is made

The State Department received a communication from Ambassador Pen-field in Vienna, stating the Emperor Francis Joseph thanks America for the Christmas gifts sent to Autrian child

Justice Thompkins, in the New York
Supreme Court at Newburg, N. Y.,
granted an injunction restraining the
New York Central Railroad from issuing \$90,000,000 worth of 4 per cent
was docketed today on an appeal from the decision of the Iowa federal courts in that state holding the Iowa law of 1913, regulating the sale of stocks, unconstitutional.

Federal Judge Aldrich at Boston, placed on file the case of Eleanor placed on hie the case of Douglass of Fall River, indicted for making false oath in order to obtain a pension. Mrs. Douglass did not contest the case when asked to plead,

W. Gardner Simpon of London, who recently purchased control of the Pall Mall Gazette and the Observer from William Waldorf Astor, will take editorial and financial control Janu-

Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, com-manding the New York National Guard, announced that the "pink tea" days of the National Guard are over, and that in the future more attention will be paid to military than social

## **Honest Manifests** From Shippers

ASKED BY PRESIDENT WILSON TO PREVENT DETENTION.

#### NON - CONTRABAND

Declares That Theory Expounded In Note to Great Britain Was Adhered to by England in Previous Wars.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wil-son today appealed to American ship-pers of non-contraband goods, such as cotton, not to allow their cargoes

as cotton, not to allow their cargoes to be mixed with contraband articles. The United States government, he announced, could deal confidently with the difficulties which have arisen in the treatment of American commerce by Great Britain only if supported by absolutely honest manifests.

This statement followed a discussion by the president with his cabinet today of the general shipping situation and of the note dispatched yesterdap to Great Britain, protesting at length against the British policy of prolonged detentions of cargoes and other interference with American trade.

Much Interest in Diplomatic Circles. Publication of a synopsis of the note, the contents of which was confirmed at the White House and state department, aroused much interest not only in diplomatic circles, but in congress and official quarters generally.

Many diplomats of European and South American Many diplomats of European and South American countries made inquiry at the state department concerning the note and were promised a memorandum on the subject.

Confident Other Nations Will Act. There was a confident feeling in dipomatic quarters that steps would be taken by other leading nations of this hemisphere, as well as by some European neutrals to point out to Great Britain their acquiescence in the American point of view.

Washington Has Spoken Firmly. From the way the president dis-ussed the situation with callers, it was vident that the Washington government had spoken firmly of its desire for an improvement in the conditions of neutral commerce and was prepared to insist further on its rights. The president declared that the theory ex-In reply to a report that he would resign from the Cabinet. Secretary Bryan said, "I am not resigning again or yet; please make the customary denial."

president declared that the theory expounded by the United States in its not was from the American point of view hardly debatable, as England had adhered in previous wars to the contentions now advanced by the mial."

To Warn Shippers. During the cabinet meeting it was suggested that in order to support the American government in its effort to cargoes of non-contraband goods, shippers and shipping com-panies should be warned against con-cealment of doubtful articles on the same ships. The White House then issued its suggestion to American shippers to be careful about the man-

ifeste describing their Had Concealed Contraband. pending bill, could be of forceful effect in reducing the inflated shipping prices. That there will be spirited deposition already is certain. Opposition already is developing; but administration leaders as contemparted in the pending bill, could be of forceful effect in reducing the inflated shipping philadelphia Stock Exchange in length embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contemparted in the president said that the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed Contraband. The holy standard of Mohammed has been taken to Damascus to inspire Turkish troops marching to meet British forces that are marching on Damascus to inspire instances of that kind, the president added, suspicion was cast on every shipment and all cargoes were liable to doubt and to search. traband in their cargoes of non-con-

No Conspiracy to Conceal Contraband. State department officials said later lock, of Atlantic City, N. J., stipulates that there were two cases in which that a negro band shall follow the this had occurred and that Great Britain had consequently used them as a basis for general search. Solicitor Cone ohnson declared it was absurd that any general conspiracy to con-ceal contraband in cotton shipments could exist, because of the mechanical difficulties involved in such an undertaking, but he pointed out that one or two isolated cases would em-barrass all shipments.

> RAILROAD STATION ROBBERS IN WESTERN CONNECTICUT Contents of Telephone Booths and

Slot Machines Taken. Stamford, Conn., Dec. 28.-Robert A. Courley, agent at Glenbrook station of the New York, New Haven and merchant, involuntary bankrupt, has filed his schedule in the United States district court. His liabilities are \$30,-023 and assets \$26,894. Hartford railroad was awakened early man disappeared in the darkness. A number of station robberies have occurred recently and because of this Gourley contrary to his usual custom remained in the station over night.
The railroad depots at Sound Beach,
Riverside, Cos Cob and Noroton were broken into during the night and the contents of telephone booths and slot

machines taken. King Victor Emmanuel Congratulates President Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 29.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy today cabled President Wilson, congratulating him on his 58th birthday anniversary. Mes-sages from many of the nations at war have been delayed because of cable

Validity of "Blue Sky" Law. Washington, Dec. 29,-The first case in the supreme court in which the validity of a "blue sky" law is at issue was docketed today on an appeal from

Three Men Crushed to Death, Memphia, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Three men were crushed to death late here today when a freight train running on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad Iracks was wrecked. One of the vic-tims was identified as J. T. Mahoney, aged 35, of Gary, Ind.

Paris Reports No Incident of Note. Paris. Dec. 28, 10.40 p. m - The officlai communication issued by the war office tonight simply says that no in-cident of note has been reported from

the front this evening. British Minister to Vatican Presents

Credentials. Rome, Dec. 29.—Sir Henry Howard oday presented to Pope Benedict his predentials as British minister to the